



Vermont Reaches Vaccination Milestone

Governor Phil Scott announced on June 14 that 80.2% of Vermont's eligible population - those age 12 and older - had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, making it the first state to reach this major milestone.

Because Vermont has reached this level of vaccination, Governor Scott has rescinded all state COVID-19 restrictions and allowed Vermont's State of Emergency to expire. This does not include all situations as some sectors are governed by federal guidelines, like public transportation and long-term care facilities. The Vermont Forward plan will continue to link to operational considerations for certain sectors from the Vermont Department of Health. Vermonters can find that information at Vermont.gov/Vermont-Forward.

As of June 23rd 81.3%, of eligible Vermonters have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. Vermont ranks first in the nation on the number of vaccines administered per capita, the percent of its population with at least one dose, and the percent of its population fully vaccinated. Since the start of the pandemic, Vermont also has the lowest number of cases and deaths per capita in the continental U.S.

To ensure continuation of federal funding for certain programs the Governor signed an Executive Order issued under his general authority. This order continues Vermont National Guard involvement with COVID-19 recovery operations, ensures continued cooperation and coordination among state agencies as necessary

and for the two-week period between the expiration of the Emergency Declaration and July 1, when recently enacted legislation makes it permanent, allow bars and restaurants to continue pick-up and delivery of alcoholic beverages.

The Governor and his team thanked Vermonters for their commitment and perseverance throughout the pandemic, and for their trust in the science, particularly throughout this vaccination effort.

They also recognized the many partners in this effort, including employees in agencies and departments across state government, Vermont's state legislators and congressional delegation, the Vermont National Guard, healthcare providers and frontline workers, municipal leaders and more. On the vaccination effort specifically, it also included emergency medical service (EMS) crews, the Medical Reserve Corps, primary care providers, all Vermont hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, pharmacies, schools, colleges, businesses, congregate housing and equity support and advocacy groups, and more.

Vaccines continue to be widely available across the state. All Vermonters age 12 and older can find the schedule for daily walk-in clinics, or can register for an appointment, at healthvermont.gov/myvaccine.

2021 EMD of the Year Nominations Needed

Vermont Emergency Management is seeking nominations for the 2021 Emergency Management Director of the Year. The recipient will be recognized at the [Virtual Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference](#) which will be held September 14-16, 12:30-4:30 p.m. each day.

Emergency Management Directors are the key coordination link between residents, local governments, first responders, and the state. These individuals have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and coordination of the local organization for emergency management, and they work diligently before, during, and after emergencies to meet these responsibilities. This award recognizes and celebrates excellence in this role.

In a year in which COVID-19 presented historic challenges to communities, there are certainly no shortage of deserving nominees.

To be eligible, a nominee must:

- Have been a duly appointed [Emergency Management Director](#) for their town/city at some point between October 1, 2020 and September 1, 2021.
- Be from a town/city with a current [Local Emergency Management](#) Plan on file with Vermont Emergency Management.
- Be enrolled in the [Vermont EMD Certification Program](#) or completed trainings within the program.

Please help us recognize the excellent work and achievements being made by Vermont Emergency Management Directors by filling out the [2021 EMD of the Year nomination form](#) by noon on August 19th.

If you have any questions, please contact:
DPS.EMHSTraining@vermont.gov

Online WebEOC Course Available

A new online WebEOC course is now available for local emergency managers. WebEOC is the online incident management system used by the state emergency operations center to coordinate statewide emergency response.

The course covers the basics of how WebEOC works, and how local emergency managers can use it to coordinate their activity with the state.

Local responders can benefit from the coordination of efforts and resources provided by WebEOC. If you or someone in your community would like to learn the system, first check with your local Emergency Management Director.

If you're approved by the EMD, you will need to fill out the new user request form at eoc.vermont.gov to request a new WebEOC user account. The form will direct you to the appropriate course in the state's online learning management system.

Once you've filled out the form and completed the appropriate training, your request will be reviewed by Vermont Emergency Management. If approved, you should receive account information by email in a few days.

VEM Training Schedule

July 2021

SEOC Partner Training- virtual

July 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration required: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course- virtual

July 20 & 21, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Must attend all sessions to receive credit.

Registration required: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

August 2021

L0146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) - In person

St. Michaels College, Colchester

August 3 & 4, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Each day

Must attend all sessions to receive credit.

Registration required: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – In person

Camp Johnson, Colchester

August 6-8, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Must attend all sessions to receive credit.

Registration required via the State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

September 2021

Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference – virtual

September 14-16, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. each day

Registration required: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

October 2021

MGT 323 – Instructor Development Workshop – virtual

October 4, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

October 5-8, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Must attend all sessions to receive credit.

Registration required: <https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=27893>

Please use access code: NCBRT323

G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In person

St. Michaels College, Colchester

October 9, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration required via the State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

Introduction to Operational Planning:

Comprehensive Planning Guide (CPG) 101

Overview- Virtual

October 14 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration required via State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

November 2021

ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – In person

Camp Johnson, Colchester

November 6 & 7 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Registration required: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

State Emergency Operations Center Orientation— In person

DPS – Headquarters- Waterbury

Registration required: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

Regional Emergency Management Committees starting July 1, 2021

Under [H.122](#), effective July 1, 2021 Regional Emergency Management Committees are being established around the state.

These Regional Emergency Management Committees will be responsible for coordinating emergency planning and preparedness activities to improve their regions' ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters.

Vermont Emergency Management is developing guidance for Regional Emergency Management Committees which will be available by late summer.

If you have any questions, please contact VEM Engagement Section Chief, Emily Harris, emily.harris@vermont.gov

NWS Seeks Input on Headline Changes

The National Weather Service's Public Program has been working for years to simplify and streamline some of its Headlines, like Advisories and Special Weather Statements based on Social Science and survey feedback from emergency managers and responders.

No earlier than 2024, the NWS will no longer be issuing Advisories and Special Weather Statements. They will be replaced by a "Plain Language Statement/Headline".

The NWS is now asking for emergency manager and responder assistance to determine what

words/language should replace the discontinued Advisory and Special Weather Statement. You can see more on the proposal and provide input and comment at:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf2/pns21-41_hazsimp_headline_alternatives.pdf

If you have questions, please contact Scott Whittier at the National Weather Service at scott.whittier@noaa.gov

Save-the-Date! Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference will be held virtually September 14-16, 12:30-4:30 each day. Registration is currently available through the Learning Management System. If you have any questions, please contact dps.emhstraining@vermont.gov